SB 1920
RELATING TO ANIMALS

Senate Committee on Agriculture
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SB 1920 would amend Chapter 143, HRS to provide for access without warrant to a commercial establishment by an animal control officer for the purpose of inspection.

Our statement on this bill does not constitute an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

Problems of jurisdiction may arise in enforcement of provisions of this measure, given that State DOA personnel are required to enforce criteria established by the counties. We would suggest that rulemaking and designation of violation criteria be conducted at the state level for consistency. We would also suggest that the provisions of this measure be extended to apply to the state animal quarantine facility as a means of instilling public confidence in a frequently criticized facility. To avoid conflict of interest, inspection of the AQS should be conducted in the presence of representatives of the Hawaii Humane Society.